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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-8, 10-20 and 23-27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9, 21, 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed July 24, 2009 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 1, 21 and 28 are amended, and claims 1-8, 10-20 and 23-27 are withdrawn. This Office Action is made Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Terada et al. US Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0086281.

As to claim 28, Terada teaches an Information recording medium [see the abstract], having first information, second information and disc management information recorded thereon [a first alternate address management information area and a second alternate address management information area, 0034],

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wherein the second information is update information of the first information [to update a portion of the indication information in accordance with an operation to write data and a write operation to update the alternate address management information in accordance with the alternate address process, 0028-0029; data is written into the second alternate address management information area for the second recording layer to update these pieces of information, 0037],

the disc management information includes correlation information which correlates first address information with second address information [a first alternate address management information area and a second alternate address management information area, 0034; fig. 6] by correlating a third address indicating at least one of the locations of the information recording medium at which the first address information is recorded with a fourth address indicating at least one of the locations of the information recording medium at which the second address information is recorded [update a portion of the written/unwritten state indication information in accordance with an operation to write data into a data unit associated with the updated portion of the written/unwritten state indication information and a write operation to update the alternate address management information in accordance with the alternate address process, 0032; F201-F206 of fig. 21; fig. 23, 24B-24C],

the first address information includes a first address indicating at least a part of locations of the information recording medium at which the first information is recorded [write new data into a desired address as an alternate area for actually recording the new data supposed to be written into the desired address, at which other data has been recorded previously. The operation

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to write the new data into the desired address is thus an operation to renew the other data with the new data, 0241; fig. 8, 10], and

the second address information includes a second address indicating at least a part of locations of the information recording medium at which the second information is further recorded [write new data into a desired address as an alternate area for actually recording the new data supposed to be written into the desired address, at which other data has been recorded previously. The operation to write the new data into the desired address is thus an operation to renew the other data with the new data, 0241; fig. 8, 10; 0462].

As to claim 29, Terada teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Terada further teaches having duplication information of the second address information recorded thereon, wherein the disc management information further includes status information indicating whether the correlation information is valid or invalid [normal or each alternate-address information generated in this way is added to the TDFL0349; 0457; 0373], the status information is set to indicate that the correlation information is valid when the first address information has been updated to the second address information [restructuring, fig. 24C].

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Based on the Applicant's arguments, see pages 18-19, filed July 24, 2009, with respect to the independent claims 1 and 21 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Examiner respectfully submits that claims 1, 9, 21 and 22 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy N. Pardo whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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